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EXPERIENCE KNOX COUNTY

One great way to experience the diversity, beauty and grandeur of Knox County is to walk, rollerblade or bicycle the system of bike paths which traverses the county from the Knox-Licking County line just south of Centerville to the northeastern part of the county to Brinkhaven.

Visitors cruising the trails will encounter quaint villages and the county seat with its tree-lined residential areas and discover the scenery along the trail is just stupendous. The reason is, the railroads were built long ago near flood plains. There are pretty streams, pastures, wetlands and the Kokosing River, and wildlife really abounds in that greenway. Also, visitors in 2014 will notice new signs installed, very large signs, courtesy of the Ohio to Erie Trail fund. Knox County's rail trail is part of a statewide system under development from Cincinnati to Cleveland.

The Heart of Ohio Trail starts at the Knox-Licking county line just south of Centerville, and goes through Centerville and Mount Liberty north to South Main Street in Mount Vernon. Access to the trail, and parking, is available at Memorial Park in Centerville; in Mount Liberty, near the intersection of Thayer Road and Henry Road; and near Barb's Diner on Columbus Road in Mount Vernon.

The trail's surface is mostly paved along its 13-mile path, with the last mile expected to be surfaced in 2014. Dry Creek cascades beside portions of the trail, where you'll enjoy wildflowers from spring through fall.

There is a break in the trail system when you reach Mount Vernon, but you can pick up the Kokosing Gap Trail near Memorial Park.

The connector between the Heart of Ohio Trail and the Kokosing Gap Trail is expected to be completed in the near future. Representatives of the park district, the city of Mount Vernon and the Tennessee and Wyoming Railroad Company are discussing safe ways for trail users to cross the live track between Barb's Diner and the old depot on South Main Street. The connector will



run by Ariel-Foundations Park, the rail bed for the connector already exists and the trail is designed up to the south end of the viaduct. Plans include the restoration of the old railroad bridge there, the rebuilding of the trestle across Dry Creek and paving the dike-way to meet the KGT trail at Memorial Park.

The Kokosing Gap Trail consists of 16 miles of paved surface, with plenty of parking and access points. Following the trail to its endpoint in Danville, visitors will enjoy seeing the abundant flora and wildlife and the varying vistas — rural countryside, wetlands, forests — and the picturesque villages of Gambier, Howard and Danville. The trail, lovingly tended by an army of volunteers, is dotted with park benches about every 1/2 mile, so visitors can relax and enjoy the scenery in solitude.

In Danville, the Ohio to Erie bike trail system continues with the Mohican Valley Trail, which runs from Danville to Brinkhaven and the beautiful covered Bridge of Dreams.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	EVENT
Jan. 11	Community Concert presents: Aeolus Quartet
February	Alcove Dinner Theater presents: "The Marvelous Wonderettes"
Feb. 3	70th Annual Danville Lions Raccoon Dinner
Feb. 8	Knox County Symphony Concert
Feb. 21-22	Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program
Feb. 25	Community Concert presents: Jesse Lynch's Jazz 101
March 27-30	Orange Barrel presents: "Little Princess"
March 29	Community Concert presents: John Berry
April	Alcove Dinner Theater presents: "Nana's Naughty Knickers"
April 4	OSU Men's Glee Club Concert
April 6	Earth Day Challenge & Festival
April 10-13	Orange Barrel presents: "Pride & Prejudice"
April 11	Comedy for a Cure
April 12	Vaughn Wiester Benefit Concert
April 26	Hope Now Benefit Community Talent Show
April 27	Knox County Symphony
May 1-3	MTVarts presents: "The Crucible"
May 24-26	Utica Ice Cream Festival
June 5-8	Schnormeier Gardens Open House
June 11-14	Danville-Howard Turkey Festival
June 18-19	GOBA: Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure
June 26-29	WACO Fly-In
June 25-28	Heart of Ohio USA Days Festival
July 4	Fredericktown 4th of July
July 11-13	Great Mohican Indian Pow-Wow
July 10-13	MTVarts presents: "Shrek the Musical"
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July 20-26	Knox County Fair
Aug. 7-10	Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival
Aug. 8-10	Knox County Quilt Show & Knox County Flower Show
Aug. 23-24	Prairestock

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Aug. 28	Mount Vernon Classic Bicycle Race
Sept. 3-6	Fredericktown Tomato Show
Sept. 11-13	Mohican Bluegrass Festival
Sept. 13	Knox County Barn Tour
Sept. 19-21	Great Mohican Indian Pow-Wow
Sept. 19-20	Old-time Farming Festival
Oct. 4	Sweet Adelines Barbershop Concert
Oct. 4	River of Fire Halloween Spectacular
Oct. 4-5	Heart of Ohio Tour
Oct. 18	Fall Harvest Festival
Nov. 7-8	Kenyon Review Literary Festival
Nov. 30	Mount Vernon Christmas Parade & Christmas Walk
Dec. 7	MVNU Choral Union presents: Handel's Messiah

Recurring Activities

Chautauqua-Lyceum Series

Thursdays (typically second and fourth of month)

First Friday

May through October

Second Saturday

January through April

Mount Vernon Farmers Market

Every Saturday, May through October

Woodward Opera House Tours

Saturdays, June through October

Knox County Historical Museum

March through November

All dates have been submitted by the sponsors of the events. All information is subject to change without notice. For complete information and updates to the Calendar go to www.VisitKnoxOhio.org or call 1-800-837-5282 or 740-392-6102.

WELCOME TO KNOX COUNTY

KnoxWays Experience Guide 2014 19th Edition

The growing trend of the Staycation has proven that Knox County is among the leading tourist destinations in central Ohio. Quaint B&Bs tucked into quiet tree-lined neighborhoods, live performance theaters for an evening of culture, exquisite locally owned dining establishments, scenic rivers and a multitude of parks and trails provide endless opportunities to Explore! – Engage! – Enjoy! all that Knox County has to offer!

In this 19th edition of the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau's KnoxWays Experience Guide, with more than 1.4 million copies distributed since 1996, you will find information for every attraction and community within the county.

Come ride the rails! While the screeching whistle of the train has been replaced with the blast of the car horn, and the railroad ties have been turned into scrap, the old Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is still alive in Knox County by way of three recreational trails. The newly opened Heart of Ohio Trail showcases the scenic beauty of southwestern Knox County, and is sure to rival the Kokosing Gap Trail, one of the best Rails-to-Trails in the United States! For mountain bikers and equestrians, there is the Mohican Valley Trail. These trails offer 28 miles of nearly continuous biking or walking to Explore! the many different kinds of landscape Knox County has to offer.

138 years ago in 1876, one of Mount Vernon's leading citizens, Henry B. Curtis, erected one of the finest hotels in central Ohio. Hotel Curtis was a nationally-renowned landmark with all the modern conveniences and luxuries guests could desire. A fire on July 17, 1947, destroyed much of the original hotel, which was demolished in 1971 and rebuilt. Ariel Foundation has partnered with MVNU to reconstruct this grand hotel to Engage! visitors and locals alike in all that historic downtown Mount Vernon has to offer.

Development of Ariel-Foundation Park near downtown Mount Vernon adds another element of leisurely recreation to the heart of Knox County. The former gravel quarry and Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant is in the process of transforming into a beautiful green space for the whole community to Enjoy! walking, boating, fishing, other recreational activities, or simply peaceful reflection.

For further visitor information and up-to-date event schedules, please visit our website at www.VisitKnoxOhio.org, or call 740-392-6102 or toll-free at 1-800-837-5282. If you're in the area and need visitor information, stop by 107 South Main Street in downtown Mount Vernon, open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Thank you for your interest in Knox County, and we look forward to your visit!

Pat Crow, Executive Director

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KNOX WAYS



From picturesque pastoral scenes to pristine parks to paved paths and scenic byways, Knox County offers an amazing variety of outdoor recreational opportunities. Whether you enjoy energetic activities such as biking or jogging or more leisurely pursuits such as fishing or canoeing, Knox County is your pathway to nature.

KnoxWays waterways include the Kokosing River, designated both a scenic river and a scenic waterway, and the Mohican River, also designated a scenic river. There are several public canoe access points along the Kokosing River, including those at Riverside and Memorial Parks in Mount Vernon; one near the Brown Family Environmental Center on Laymon Road just off Ohio 229 outside Gambier; one at Big Run and Pipesville roads; and one south of Howard near Ohio 36 and County Road 35.

Dedicated bike trails link our quaint villages and the city of Mount Vernon, and wend their way through woods and rural landscapes and alongside scenic waterways which may feature other folks canoeing, kayaking or tubing. The Heart of Ohio Trail runs from Centerburg to Mount Vernon where bikers and hikers can pick up the paved Kokosing Gap Trail near the intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and Lower Gambier Road. From there the trail trekkers can travel about 14 miles to the village of Danville, with stops at the quaint towns of Gambier and Howard.

If you are a hard-core nature lover, extend your journey and take the rustic Mohican Valley Trail from Danville through Amish country to Brinkhaven and the Bridge of

Dreams — the second largest covered bridge in Ohio.

Swimmers can enjoy water fun at the Hiawatha Water Park/Pool in Mount Vernon or experience the sandy beach at Fredericktown's Sockman Lake, while fishermen are invited to take their boats and try their luck at the Kokosing Dam or Knox Lake, both near Fredericktown.

The numerous parks that dot the towns, villages and countryside provide places for picnicking and relaxing. Many have playground equipment for the younger set and several have hiking trails which vary in length and terrain. The trails at Thayer Ridge Park are also open to mountain bikes and horses. The park also features a nine-hole Frisbee golf course where visitors can try their luck at hitting strategically placed targets with throwing discs with a flick of their wrists.

While leashed canine guests are welcome in the parks and trails, they can cavort with other dogs, unrestrained, at a place of their own, the fenced in "Bark Park" at Wolf Run Regional Park. The "Bark Park" also has an agility course with things such as a balance beam and tunnel, and features benches where the owners can relax and watch.

Golfing, camping, fishing, bird watching and or just plain sightseeing excursions are other ways visitors can enjoy the natural beauty Knox County has to offer, and the Brown Family Environmental Center near Gambier offers miles of rustic trails so visitors can explore prairies and acres of natural wildlife habitat.

To discover more about what Knox County has to offer, visit www.KnoxWays.org.

WOLF RUN REGIONAL PARK



Fishing, hiking, bird watching or a chance to walk your dog or have a picnic await those who visit Wolf Run Regional Park. Located at 17621 Yaeger Road, just one mile east of Upper Gilchrist Road, this 285-acre park provides ample opportunity for recreation with its variety of hills, meadows, wetlands, forests and hiking trails.

For the hiking enthusiast, 11 marked trails covering 6.8 miles across 30 acres are contained within the Knox Woods State Nature Preserve. On these trails can be found numerous species of birds, granite boulders deposited during Ohio's ice age centuries ago plus a variety of hardwood trees, a pond and creeks which drain into the nearby Kokosing River.

A small pond is located on the east end of the park where fishermen can try their luck at reeling in their "catch of the day." Also nearby is a shelter house with picnic tables and an open field where families can enjoy a picnic or other activity of their choice.

The canine members of your family also have a place to run and frolic at Wolf Run Park. A 2-acre "Bark Park" is located near the front parking lot where dogs can roam without a leash ... but please be courteous and clean up after



your pet. Also found here is "Jade's Place," a doggie agility playground where you can teach your dog some skills on an obstacle course.



ARIEL-FOUNDATION PARK

News articles routinely describe changes involving people, places and things, but with Mount Vernon's Ariel-Foundation Park it's easier to summarize what *isn't* changing. The area's largest recreation spot expanded and got a new name in 2013, and it's the focal point of an ongoing and spectacular makeover.

First, the name. Early in 2013, Karen Buchwald-Wright and Ariel Corporation purchased a 59-acre industrial site on behalf of the Foundation Park Conservancy, bringing the park's footprint to 175 acres. The property and its maze of buildings is best remembered as home to PPG sheet-glass manufacturing from 1907 through 1967. After the \$1.75 million sale, the expansive park located between Columbus and Harcourt roads was re-christened Ariel-Foundation Park.

Work immediately began to transform the ragged site into parkland. Under direction of the conservancy and volunteer administrator Ted Schnormeier, that work continues in 2014 and beyond. Upon completion, a world-class park will be gifted to the city of Mount Vernon.

Portions of the park are dubbed The Ruins, The Woods, The Lakes, The Playing Fields and The Depot, and those handles provide a useful outline to summarize the facilities and amenities.

The Ruins: A massive project was launched to demolish buildings and repurpose land to a state of green. Structures to survive include PPG's iconic smokestack, parts of the historic Coxie Building, brick stairwell towers and the "clock house" where workers reported for duty millions of times. Also preserved are the roof and framework of a large building with the dimensions of a skinny football field. It will be open on three sides and used for community events. Landscaping and unique sculptural tributes to industry will make The Ruins a showpiece.

The Woods: Between The Ruins and Lakes lie The Woods. The wooded tract, once an unsightly dump site, is cleared and mulched. Thinning and trimming of trees will create a canopy of foliage over picnic sites and connecting trails.

The Lakes: The park's centerpieces are three stocked lakes created by gravel pits along the banks of the Kokosing River's North Branch. An historic bowstring-truss bridge will access a small island. Massive terraces will add a third dimension to the otherwise flat area, where numerous picnic pavilions will be available.

The Playing Fields: Pittsburgh Avenue and Sixth Street delineate the southwestern reaches of the park and border a large area designed with informal stick-and-ball games in mind.

The Depot: Finally, there's the historic CA&C Railroad Depot, which after restoration will house the William Stroud Welcome Center. Strategically located at the junction of South Main Street and Columbus Road, it was built contemporaneously with the Coxie and early PPG structures. It will serve Ariel-Foundation Park, the city of Mount Vernon, the Knox County Park District and the Ohio to Erie Trail. In Mount Vernon's version of a golden-spike moment, convergence of the Heart of Ohio and Kokosing Gap "Rails



to Trails" ribbons will create an inviting midpoint for the 300-mile Ohio to Erie Trail.

HIAWATHA WATER PARK



Refresh yourself and keep cool on the warmest days of summer with a visit to the Hiawatha Water Park/Pool.

The park has something for almost everyone: An Olympic-sized pool provides the opportunity to lap swim or show off your best diving skills. A kiddie pool provides a safe, shallow area for youngsters to enjoy cool water experience without being overwhelmed by deeper waters.

A zero-entry pool allows those who are timid near water to ease themselves into the fun and excitement of the play area in the center. Cascading waters and shooting water guns provide a huge amount of amusement for kids of all ages.

There are thrills as well as water slides spin you around and down to the pool or a straight shot into the pool. All you have to do is clear the height requirements and step up to the excitement with no waiting in line like the big commercial water parks. From the top of the slides you have a great scenic look over the entire Hiawatha Park.

Want to get out of the sun for a bit? Then plant yourself under a giant red and white umbrella, and spend some time in the shade.

A picnic area and concession are available when it's time for a snack. There are also basketball courts available for those wanting even more activity.



It's not only city residents who find that Hiawatha Water Park/Pool is one of the city's summertime gems. People from neighboring counties, including Morrow, Richland, Licking and Coshocton counties have decided it is a great place to escape the summer heat.

The park is operational from June through Labor Day and is open from noon to 7:45 p.m. Special night swims are scheduled several times throughout the summer.

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BIKE TRAILS

Scenic trails wind around the hills and across the Kokosing River throughout Knox County to provide a breathtaking view of the landscape and an alternate transportation route to those journeying through central Ohio. These bike trails run from the Holmes County line to the edge of Centerburg in southwestern Knox County, offering a place for visitors to trek along for both enjoyment and exercise.

Bike trails travel from eastern Knox County the Mohican Valley Trail runs 4.5 miles through the Mohican River Valley. The trail is home to the 370 foot Bridge of Dreams, where folks can take their bikes as well as horses to journey into Holmes County. The Mohican Valley Trail is located just west and connects to the Kokosing Gap Trail in Knox County.

Once travelers reach the Kokosing Gap Trail they can wander along 14 miles of paved perfection, from Danville to the Howard tunnel just under U.S. 36, and on through Gambier where a classic locomotive is stationed. The path continues past the Brown Family Environmental Center and on to Mount Vernon.

The Kokosing Gap Trail is maintained by a volunteer board, and is open year-round.

The Heart of Ohio Trail begins at Columbus Road in



Mount Vernon and runs 16 miles to the Village of Centerburg. Maintained by the Heart of Ohio Trail group, the volunteer organization oversees the maintenance and will soon contract a playground in Mount Liberty along Simmons Church Road.

The Heart of Ohio Trail and the Kokosing Gap Trail will connect in Ariel-Foundations Park as the connector project moves forward.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE & WALK



Celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season by coming downtown for the annual Christmas Parade and Walk.

Held the Sunday after Thanksgiving every year, downtown merchants open their doors from 1 to 5 p.m. for a Sunday afternoon of local holiday shopping. Sweet treats and seasonal decorations create a festive atmosphere as you look for special items for everyone on your shopping list. Looking for books, jewelry, antiques, appliances, clocks and more? They can be found downtown, and when you need a break, local restaurants offer delicious foods.

But don't get too comfortable, kids of all ages will want to be in a prime position for the parade (if you can get them away from the carousel and the train ride), and be ready to greet Santa Claus and visit him afterwards in his house on the square.

The parade begins at 2:30 p.m. and usually has more than 90 units to escort Santa to his holiday post. As the parade makes its way up Main Street, spectators will be entertained by a wide variety of entries, including floats, horses and llamas, carriages, cars and motorcycles, antique vehicles, high school marching bands and fire trucks.

Before or after the parade, kids might also want to take advantage of the Secret Santa Gift Shop, prepared especially



ly for children to shop for something special for mom and dad.

Whether sightseeing or shopping, the Christmas Walk and Parade are a demonstration of what Mount Vernon does best — bring the community together.

For more information about the parade and walk, visit the Heritage Centre Association website at www.visitdowntownmountvernon.com.



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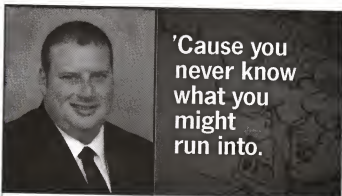
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AREA PARKS

Urban and rural planners alike recognize the value of green space to quality of life, though they'd be hard pressed to place a dollar value on a soccer field or playground. Real estate experts actually tried to estimate the worth of Central Park to New York City a while back, and quit counting at \$500 billion with a B.

No one would suggest that Knox County parks could command a fraction of that amount, but they're priceless to the people who use them. Whether it's fishing at the 175-acre Ariel-Foundations Park or having a picnic at a tiny park in Brandon, outdoor recreation spots put smiles on Knox County faces every day of the year.

The area's largest inventory of lands preserved in their natural state falls under the Knox County Park District. Most offer hiking trails and some amenities that provide escapes for bird watchers, wildlife lovers, equestrians, dog owners and even frisbee golfers.

Among county parks are Honey Run Highlands Park and Waterfall, and the Hellbender Preserve near Howard; Indianfield Bluffs Park above the Kokosing River near Gambier; Wolf Run Regional Park (and dog park) on Yauger Road; and Thayer Ridge Park, with bridle trails and frisbee golf. Also notable is the unspoiled Kokosing River, Ohio's

first official Water Trail.

The Fredericktown Recreation District takes pride in half-a-dozen parks occupying about 130 acres. Merrin Park is the village's oldest, and is best known for youth baseball. Community Park is home to Sockman Lake and numerous playing fields. The district also manages Dana, Isaacs Run, Levering and Warner parks.

Centerburg and Danville recreation opportunities are focused around their respective Memorial Parks. The Centerburg Joint Recreation District hosts sports leagues, many programs tied to the Heart of Ohio Trail and family events like movie nights in the park. Along with its own Memorial Park, Danville provides an important cog in the 300-mile Ohio to Erie Trail system. The Kokosing Gap Trail runs from Mount Vernon to Danville, where the Mohican Valley Trail picks up and leads to the Holmes County line.

As the county's largest community, Mount Vernon also has the largest assortment of parks. During summer months, the busiest are Hiawatha Water Park and Pool and Memorial Park. Others include Riverside, Phillips, Dan Emmett and Arch Avenue Parks.

Information on the area's assorted parks is available online at www.knoxcountyparks.org.

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THEATER GROUPS



Fifty years ago, a group of local theater devotees joined forces to produce the drama "Squaring the Circle." The Mount Vernon Players then decided to stay together and work to elevate stage performance in Knox County. By any fair measure they have succeeded. Since their 1964 launch, a close-knit theater fraternity has developed, and they open their 51st season as part of a vibrant arts scene.

The list of plays brought to life by the Mount Vernon Players is lengthy. They celebrated royalty with "King and I" and "Camelot." They traveled to "Oklahoma" and the "South Pacific." They came and went with "Hello Dolly" and "Bye Birdie." In all, there have been more than 150 productions at venues including Memorial Theater and the Alcove Restaurant.

Another hard-working company is MTVarts, with a repertoire as diverse as "Of Mice and Men" and "The Music Man." The Orange Barrel Production Company adopted its name to proclaim that progress is underway. Their performance venues include the Salvation Army's Harbor and the Mount Vernon Developmental Center, where they have staged "It's a Wonderful Life."

Bruce Jacklin and Company enrich dinner theater with productions at The Alcove Restaurant, while just across Main Street ThePlace@TheWoodward showcases talented young actors tackling Right Brain Productions projects.

"ThePlace" is also home to monthly Chautauqua events organized by Elixir Presents. Speakers adopt famous personas in a style Theodore Roosevelt once called "The most American thing in America." John Lennon, Daniel Boone, Pretty Boy Floyd and Sojourner Truth illustrate the variety. Musical accompaniment is usually provided by groups like Elixir.

The community has a number of stages. Mount Vernon's Memorial Theater seats 1,018 and is a popular venue. ThePlace@TheWoodward and The Salvation Army Harbor provide more intimate settings, and The Alcove offers a popular dinner and a show format.

Knox County also offers higher education opportunities in theater. Kenyon College offers a major in drama and has two theaters. The 200-seat Hill Theater's claim to fame is that many believe the 1930s era building is haunted. Bolton Theater is an outstanding 400-seat venue. At Mount Vernon Nazarene University, meanwhile, a minor in drama is offered. The spacious R.R. Hodges Chapel and Fine Arts Center seats nearly 1,900.

All of those stages will one day be joined by the rebirth of the Woodward Opera House in Mount Vernon's historic downtown. Slowly but surely, the theater building is being treated to a multi-million dollar facelift. When complete, it will provide an arts venue in a setting that's both beautiful and historic.



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A lovely village with many historic buildings, it exudes a small town atmosphere with cosmopolitan overtones. The College's Middle Path serves as the village's main pedestrian artery, where students and longtime Gambier residents alike get to know each other and interact as citizens of this unique community.

Pedestrian friendly, Gambier's amenities are nearly all within walking distance of each other. The Kenyon College Bookstore, on Gaskin Avenue across from the post office, is not just the place to purchase college textbooks. It is the place to go for everything from periodicals to the latest novels to art supplies, music and Kenyon apparel and souvenirs. The Weather Vane, on Scott Lane, a short stroll from the post office, offers stylish clothing in the latest fashions and sells unique boutique items and accessories. When hunger strikes, close at hand are the Kenyon Inn and Restaurant, The Village Market, Gambier Grill and Gambier Deli.

The Gambier Craft Sale held every December is the quin-



tesential Christmas shopping experience. Held in the Kenyon Athletic Center, the bazaar features unique handcrafted items such as pottery, weavings, quilts, and tin and wood crafts.

Recreational opportunities include the park at the Gambier Community Center on Meadow Lane. It features a

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playground, ball fields, a soccer field and picnic area. The picnic shelter has electric service along with tables and a grill. Restrooms are located in the concession stand.

The Gambier Dog Park, open from dawn to dusk, is also part of the Community Center Park. The fenced-in dog park features benches for owners, tennis balls and a water line.

A recently constructed rail system connects Meadow Lane, at the front of the Gambier Community Center to the Kokosing Gap Trail entrance in Gambier which has a retired railroad engine and caboose.

South Park, also on Meadow Lane, is home to a sculpture, "Understorms," that was created by village resident Barry Gunderson.

Attractions close to Gambier include Kenyon College's Brown Family Environmental Center with several attractive nature walks and the historic Christ Church at the Quarry.

Quarry Chapel, as it is commonly called, is a 150-year-old architectural gem built of stone. Officially named Christ Church at the Quarry, the chapel is one of the oldest buildings in the county and closely connected to the history of Kenyon College. Designed to serve the stonemason families who had come from England to work on Kenyon College



structures, it played a significant role in the lives of those families who went there for Sunday services, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

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End the hunt for a down home meal with **Jake's Restaurant**. Located at 996 Coshocton Road in Mount Vernon, the "place for steak" is a welcome retreat for everybody. Start out with an appetizer like beer battered mushrooms and move onto a Sizzling Skillet with a mouth-watering sirloin with Yukon Gold potatoes. Jake's has a lunch and dinner menu featuring ribs, Lake Erie Yellow Perch platter and plenty more to choose from. A full bar is available along with plenty of different seating areas to catch the big game or breaking news. This rustic yet casual atmosphere will wet your whistle and satisfy your hunger.

The **Parkside Restaurant and Tavern**, located at 108 Mount Vernon Ave. in Mount Vernon, features a hometown dining experience with an expansive menu. Parkside offers lunch and dinner menus complete with styles for everyone in the family; from soup and sandwiches to pasta, barbecue, seafood and steak. Along with a full bar and seating to watch what's new in the world, Parkside now has a banquet room that can hold up to 50 people for any occasion. Parkside is open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Coming into downtown Mount Vernon from the south, the **Comfort Inn** is located on the bank of the Kokosing River. Guests have easy access to the Kokosing Gap Trail and to Ariel-Foundation Park, which will soon be linked to the Heart of Ohio Trail.

From the motel it's also an easy walk to the shops and restaurants of downtown Mount Vernon. The Comfort Inn offers free Wi-Fi, a microwave and refrigerator, as well as an indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. An elevator is being installed this year.

Rooms with kitchenettes are available, the motel is "pet friendly" and a hot breakfast buffet is offered.

A short distance away is the Dan Emmett House, which was the home of Mount Vernon's most famous son, the composer of "Dixie."

On the east side of Mount Vernon is another conventional motel, the **Super 8 Motel**, part of a nationwide motel chain. Coshocton Avenue (U.S. 36) is the large shopping area on the east side, with many restaurants, a theater and stores within easy reach. Clean rooms include refrigerators and hair dryers, and an indoor pool is available. There is a poolside hospitality room and whirlpool suites. Other amenities include a deluxe continental breakfast, cable TV with HBO and high-speed wireless Internet.

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There's even a cabinet with a display of Dr. Russell's medical instruments.

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The inn also features whirlpool tubs and fireplaces, as well as two luxury log cabin cottages.

Located on Vincent Road in Monroe Township, **The Cider House** offers a new twist on the hotel stay. It is a remodeled home that sits in Ohio's first organic orchard that offers a two-bedroom, two bathroom facility for private celebrations or professional meetings. While there you can enjoy the great outdoors by fishing, hiking or roasting marshmallows over an open fire (two outdoor fire pits are offered, one large and one smaller). It's a perfect location for extended executive stays as well as weekend getaways, girlfriend getaways, golf getaways, showers and rehearsal dinners, reunions, and scrapbook and craft weekends. There's a hot tub and great walking trails available.

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The **Kenyon Inn and Restaurant**, located on West Wiggan Street in Gambier, is also on the beautiful and historic campus of Kenyon College. The proximity of the college provides many attractions, including the Gund Gallery, the Olin Art Gallery and performing arts theaters. Guests may use the Kenyon College Athletic Center with its indoor Olympic-sized pool and exercise facility. Guests can also treat themselves to the many varied events on campus. Add to that the attraction of a four-star restaurant with a wide selection of tasteful entrees and you have the makings of a great experience during your stay. The Inn offers exciting wedding packages for a memorable wedding.

Also nearby is the Brown Family Environmental Center

and access to the Kokosing Gap Trail.

You will feel welcome at the **Gambier House Bed and Breakfast**, which combines Victorian and country charm to create a unique and relaxing experience. The 1845 home on Wiggan Street offers six beautiful bedrooms to go with a front parlor, dining room and a family room. Antiques and hidden staircases add to its history and charming traditional atmosphere.

The Mohicans on Vess Road in Jefferson Township offer a unique lodging experience: Two treehouses, one of which was designed and built by Pete Nelson of Seattle, Wash., and featured on an episode of "Treehouse Masters" on Animal Planet.

The treehouses are 25 feet off the ground, supported by white oak and hickory trees and offer spectacular views of the countryside and the night skies. They have a full range of amenities, including kitchenette, living room, queen-sized beds, bathrooms and outdoor showers.

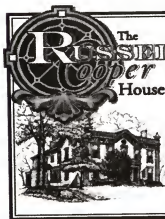
The Mohicans also offers four conventional cabins that can accommodate parties of various sizes, as well as a new wedding center. It's next door to the Tree Frog Canopy Tours zip line and the Mohican Wilderness mountain bike trails — all only 15 minutes from the Loudonville canoe liveries on the Mohican River.



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The school also has facilities downtown, with art classes and an art gallery in Buchwald Hall on South Main Street, next door to Hunter Hall, which houses the university's nursing programs.

Christian principles are an integral part of the curriculum and students are encouraged to grow in faith as well as academically as they head for a life of both personal accomplishments and service.

The campus welcomes casual visitors, as well as prospective students and parents. They may want to visit the R.R. Hodges Chapel-Auditorium and Fine Arts Center, which is home to Campus Ministries, various music programs and the Thorne Performance Hall. The Prince Student Union is a gathering place for students, and visitors can find reasonably-priced lunches and dinners at the Hyson Campus Center when school is in session.

New on campus is Ariel Arena, the home of the MVNU basketball team.

A gazebo on the grounds offers a place to meditate in tranquil surroundings, and has also become a popular place for spring and summer weddings.



Also on campus is historic Lakeholm Manor, the former home of Columbus Delano, a prominent local politician and U.S. Secretary of the Interior under President Ulysses S. Grant.

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Sponsored and coordinated by the Heritage Centre Association, First Fridays are family-friendly. Activities for children include Kid's Corner on Public Square, with a petting zoo, face painting, balloon sculptor and an inflated bounce house ride.

Featured artists perform on the main stage on the Square, while other vocalists and bands entertain visitors at the First Merit portico on South Main Street and elsewhere downtown.

A First Friday favorite is the Classic Car Cruise-In which encircles the Square. Old-car enthusiasts bring their preserved and lovingly restored antique and classic vehicles to show them off and talk to visitors about the history and specifications of their golden oldie.

In September, the annual Rubber Duck Race takes place on the Kokosing River near downtown as contestants simultaneously vie for valuable prizes while raising money for the



Heritage Centre.

The HCA also helps to organize the Christmas Walk, in conjunction with the Christmas Parade, on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

For more information call the Heritage Centre Association at 740-393-1481 or go to www.visitdowntownmountvernon.com.

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Located in the geographical center of Ohio and the southwest corner of Knox County is the village of Centerburg. Situated between Mount Vernon and the Westerville/Columbus area, Centerburg residents are close enough to enjoy the amenities of larger cities yet still cling to their small, hometown roots and values.

A downtown business district makes it convenient for residents to walk to a public library, local history center, antique mall, barbershop, grocery, hardware store and churches plus numerous eating establishments and gas stations.

Activities abound year round at Centerburg Memorial Park, located at the intersection of Ohio 3/U.S. 36 and Ohio 314 on the northeast edge of town. Open ball fields and diamonds plus shelter houses and playground equipment provide ample opportunity for organized sports or family picnics. Two annual festivals are conducted here — The Heart of Ohio USA Days in June and the Oldtime Farming Festival in September. Both bring in large crowds with their draws of entertainment, food, parades, contests and various displays.



The Heart of Ohio Trail walking/bicycle path runs through the north end of town, allowing visitors the chance for some exercise on this safe, local pathway. Steps are being taken to connect this trail to the Kokosing Gap Trail to the north as well as the Delaware portion of the Ohio To Erie Trail to the south.

Now in its 10th year of existence is the Centerburg Area Business Association, a local nonprofit organization which strives for the preservation and betterment of the community. Businesses and residents both benefit from CABA's efforts which has recently provided electricity and lighting at Memorial Park, a "Welcome To Centerburg" village sign as well as lighting at the new downtown murals. More than 30 local businesses are currently active with recent activities which include the annual Central Ohio Cruise-In, a circus and community yard sale.



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More seasonal opportunities seem to pop up every year to buy direct from growers. Town and country folks are brought together in a casual setting and get to know each other by speaking the universal language of food. Whether you're after crisp garden vegetables, juicy fruits and berries, locally produced maple syrup, baked goods, or home-canned specialties from relishes to jellies, Knox County provides options.

Saturday mornings from May through October bring farmers and shoppers to Mount Vernon's Public Square for one of the largest farm markets in the county. The Knox County Health Department hosts outdoor markets several times a year. And popular farm auctions are held in Danville and Fredericktown to name just a few.

Various growers have manned or honor-system roadside stands. You never know when you'll find sweet corn and tomatoes being sold off a tailgate. And of course, some orchards and farms have pick-your-own pricing or sell on the premises. Keep your eyes peeled and a few bucks handy, and you'll be able to add local flavor to dinner. A good online



source for news and tips is www.visitknoxohio.org.

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NEW TESTAMENT STONE GARDEN

The New Testament Stone Garden is located on the property of Faith Lutheran Church at 170 Mansfield Ave., in Mount Vernon. The serene and peaceful garden is home to 14 stone arrangements that represent Biblical passages referring to stone in the New Testament in the Bible.

Started in the late 1960s, the stone collection features message stones, millstone, living stone, loaf stones, temple stones and a chapel amphitheater along with the house of the wedding. The stones are housed within a natural setting with trees mentioned in the Bible and that are found in the Holy Lands.

With the help of the Knox County Career Center, the New Testament Stone Garden is receiving full benches that will be more comfortable for people who worship in the garden. The Knox County Career Center will be providing all work and labor needed for installation.

In addition to the benches in the Pastor's Grove, there will be a tree planted for each pastor who has served at Faith Lutheran Church as well as visiting pastors.

Pastor Mark Wildermuth said the Garden is a true asset to the congregation of Faith Lutheran and to the community at large.

"It's a treasure and a viable outreach and educational tool," he said. "It's not just for Lutherans, it's ecumenical. Anyone is welcome. It's a community resource. ... It's a place to be close to God without the 'churchy' association. It's open from dawn to dusk. It's an opportunity not just for teaching, but also for providing a place where people can just get away."

The stones in the garden were carefully chosen to symbolize certain biblical passages, and are strategically placed in the natural setting. They range in weight from 1 to 8,000 pounds and include a stepping stone, rejected stone, loaf stone, living stones, a millstone and broken stone columns representing the fallen temple in Jerusalem.

Fourteen message stones are etched with references to New Testament scriptures, where visitors are encouraged to gain inspiration from them and renew their faith.

The 40-year-old garden also has an outdoor chapel with an altar made from stone from Mount Carmel in Israel, a representation of the House of Cana as an archeological ruin and a stone "bridge of faith."

Several years in the making, the stone garden was made possible by the dedication and generosity of many individuals, most notably Lloyd Volk.

The present garden had its roots in the Hillside Garden of Volk and his wife, Martha Volk, both now deceased. Located at their Mount Vernon home at 108 Shirley Ave., the first stone garden was built between 1960 and 1965.

Many of the stones came from Ohio. For example: A granite stone with glacial grooves, believed to have formed before the ice age, was found in Worthington; the stone on the bridge and the arch is from the old Columbus Board of Trade building; sandstone foundation stones were donated by Harry Turner; the majority of the stumbling stones came from a gravel pit near Perrysville; the fossil of a ram's head was found near Upper Sandusky; loaf stones are from a gravel pit near Bellville; the stone of diverse colors came from Luke Biggs; the keystone in the arch came from the Fourth Ward School in



Mount Vernon; the base for the loaf stone was a chicken waterer; the foundation stone for the wedding house came from what once was a brewery in Mount Vernon; and the stone used for constructing Lazarus' Tomb came from a springhouse near Gambier. Other stones came from Amity, Wayne Township, Crestline and Nazareth, Pa. The stone with Ten Commandments in Hebrew was donated by a Jewish synagogue in Detroit and the kiosk stones are from Liberia, Africa.

The New Testament Stone Garden is open to the public year round. Tours can be arranged by calling Faith Lutheran Church at 740-393-3666.

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HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Take a trip back in time at the Knox County Historical Society Museum at 875 Harcourt Road, Mount Vernon. Learn about the people, the events and the technology that have forged the county to what it is today.

The Museum houses a collection of items associated with Knox County and Knox Countians since the county was first settled in the early 1800s. The exhibits change periodically, so you will likely find something "new" since a previous visit.



The Museum has a wing devoted to Cooper-Bessemer (now Rolls Royce), one of the county's oldest businesses, and permanent exhibits on famous Knox Countians like Dan Emmett and Paul Lynde. A timeline exhibit uses photos and artifacts to highlight the major persons and events for each 25-year period from 1800 to today.

The historical society also has a monthly program throughout most of the year, which focuses on a specific area, era or person.

And while you are there, you can pick up souvenirs in Knox County History at the gift shop, which is full of books, post cards, maps, coverlets and other items.


The Museum is also more than just exhibits. There is also a research library available for those wishing to trace their roots or find information on the people, places and things from Knox County's past. There are more than 900 family files on record, as well as plenty of other resources for genealogy research and volunteers are available to help with any requests.

The Museum is open from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays from March through November.

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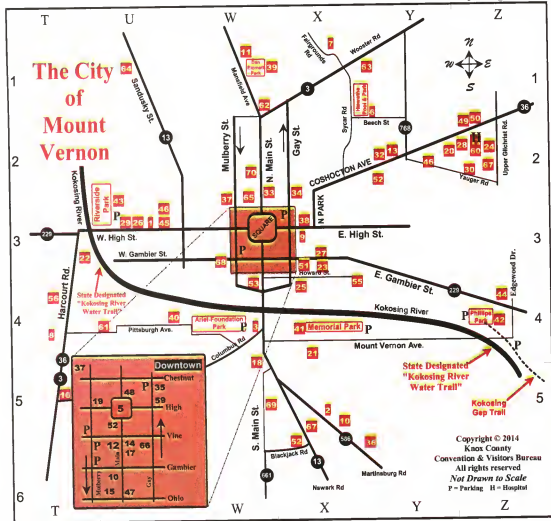
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2	Children's Garden @ Career Center	19	Flapper's Bar and Grille	40	Anel-Foundations Park	55	Howard Street AutoCare Center
3	Dan Emmett Birthplace Home	20	Jake's - A Place for Steak	6	Hiawatha Water Park Pool	55	Howard Street Garage
5	Den Emmett Music and Arts Festival	21	Parkside Restaurant & Tavern	41	Memorial Park	56	Jones Insurance Company
6	Hiawatha Water Park & Pool	12	Sip's Coffee House & Deli	42	Phillips Park	2	Knox County Career Center
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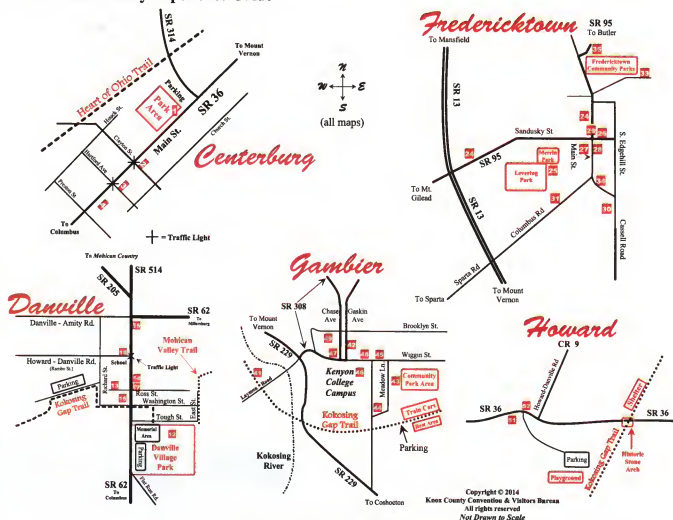
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27	Cider House	L	
28	Felicia's Guest House	L	
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4	First-Knox National Bank	C	S	14	Danville Public Library	D	S
1	Oldtime Farming Festival	C	E	15	First-Knox National Bank	D	S
24	First-Knox National Bank (2 locations)	F	S	16	Killbuck Savings Bank Co.	D	S
25	Fredericktown Community Library	F	S	17	Millers True Value Hardware	D	S
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UTICA/LICKING COUNTY

At the crossroads of U.S. 62 and Ohio 13 is the small town of Utica, where the Knox/Licking counties border crosses through the north end of town.

Close-knit families and a hometown spirit are the livelihood in Utica. Once a bustling business town fueled by the window glass industry in the early part of the century, small family businesses now drive the commercial fabric of the community. One can find a dime store, farm implement dealer, funeral home, veterinarian, grocery, florist, hardware store, grain elevator and chiropractor plus numerous beauticians, restaurants, churches and filling stations.

A festival like none other comes to Utica each year on Memorial Day weekend with the Utica Old Fashioned Ice Cream Festival. Sponsored by the Utica Sertoma and LaSertoma service clubs, the Festival is conducted on the grounds of the Velvet Ice Cream Company and The Energy Cooperative, and attracts visitors statewide with a variety of entertainment, a grand-opening parade, arts and crafts vendors, classic car show, motorcycle cruise-in, games for the kids and lots of Velvet Ice Cream.

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A four-day festive celebration fills the downtown streets each September for the annual Utica Homecoming celebration. Area residents, family and friends gather to enjoy the entertainment, parades, food, games and the chance to catch up with old friends. A similar local gathering occurs each year in early December for the annual Utica Christmas Walk on Main Street.

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KNOX COUNTY BARN TOUR



This year is set to be an exciting year for the Knox County Barn Tour. With fall dates scheduled, cooler weather is expected to draw bigger crowds as guests explore some of the most interesting historic structures in Knox County.

Every two years since 2008, the Knox County Renaissance Foundation has produced a barn tour, and every time the event has taken place the attendance has doubled. In 2012, approximately 600 people visited five barns — making a total of 25 historic barns opened to the public for the one day event. There are so many historic barns in Knox County that no barns have ever been repeated on the tour.

The 2014 Knox County Barn Tour will take place Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The locations of the barns and a tour



map will be announced on the Knox County Renaissance Foundation website www.kcrf.wordpress.com and in the *Mount Vernon News* in early September. A unique feature of these tours is the painting of barn portraits by local plein-air artists.

Live music, dance, food, crafts, antiques, animals, face painting, a quilt raffle, a model barn display, blacksmithing, and hay or tractor rides have entertained all members of the family young and old. There has never been a charge for this event which is held to celebrate the cultural heritage of Knox County and just to have fun. Any proceeds from the event, however, go to further the mission of KCRF and toward the ongoing conservation of the historic IOOF Building at 112 S. Main St., Mount Vernon, the home of KCRF.

SCENIC WATER TRAILS



One way to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life is to float down a scenic waterway. Knox County has two: The Kokosing River and the Mohican River.

The Kokosing River, the first designated Water Trail in the state of Ohio, and its equally scenic North Fork, are excellent choices for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, rafting or tubing. They take visitors through municipalities, pristine woodland and rural areas teeming with native wildlife and flora.

Public access points to the Kokosing can be found at Mount Vernon's Riverside and Memorial Parks, Lower Gambier Road, Laymon Road, Big Run Road, Pipesville Road, Millwood Road, Riley Chapel Road and the confluence with the Mohican River at Township Road 423. All of the access sites have parking areas, and many have picnic areas,

restrooms, drinking water and paddle/peddle connections with the Kokosing Gap Trail.

The Mohican River runs enters Knox County at its northeast corner. Well-known by local residents for its clear, clean water, the Mohican is an area of rustic beauty and aquatic diversity.

One of the highlights of the Mohican's route through Knox County is the 370-foot Bridge of Dreams, near Brinkhaven, the longest covered trail bridge in the state.

Public access points to the Mohican include Greer Landing on Knox County Road 77 and several sites off Hunter Road near Brinkhaven.

For more information contact the Knox County Park District at 740-392-7275 or KnoxCountyParks.org.



DANVILLE

Villages in small town America have residents who make conscious decisions not to live in the city. Some live and work entire lives within a stone's throw. Some commute to city jobs. Some indulge wanderlust but return. Residents know their neighbors. They keep up with local high school sports scores, and like their Saturday nights a little sleepy.

Villages like Danville.

Settled in 1813 by Irish and German immigrants, Danville is a community that's comfortable in its own skin. Like many small towns, it grew when the railroad arrived. Unlike many small towns, it survived when the rails fell silent. It's the product of mergers with hamlets named Buckeye City and Rosstown, and Danville's population hovers around 1,100. It's the largest community in Eastern Knox County, with a geographical claim to being the Gateway to Amish Country.

There are several Amish settlements in the area, and to the east Holmes County boasts the highest percentage of Amish residents of any county in America. Amish products are widely available at auctions, markets and roadside spots. Locals share the road with horse-and-buggy combinations as a matter of routine. But for visi-



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tors, many arriving via US 62 or from Mohawk Country on Ohio 514, they are a quaint addition to Danville's charm.

The railroads are long gone, but their influence lives on in Danville through "rails to trails" projects. The Kokosing Gap and Mohican Valley Trails meet in Danville, the former linking to Mount Vernon and the latter to the picturesque Bridge of Dreams in Brinkhaven.

Danville is governed by an elected mayor and Village Council. In the 1960s, when several districts were consolidated to form East Knox Local Schools, Danville maintained its independence. It continues to educate local children in grades K-12, along with some students who attend through open enrollment.

June brings the biggest civic activity of the year. Eastern Knox County used to have numerous large turkey operations, and although the industry has shifted elsewhere, the Danville-Howard Turkey Festival is alive and well. Held in and around Memorial Park, the 2014 edition of the four-day event will take place June 11-14. The festival offers all the elements people have come to expect from community celebrations, from games and carnival rides for kids to a classic car show and parade.



Danville celebrates yet another animal each February when the Lions Club holds its Raccoon Dinner. It's been a local tradition for 70 years, and tried-and-true recipes prove how tasty the little bandits can be.

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AMISH COMMUNITIES

Knox County has been home to the Amish community since the early 1800s. As European Anabaptists arrived in the United States in the 1700s, they went on to continue their lifestyle of pacifism and simplicity. Some still hold true to the Old Order as they worship in fellow churchgoers homes, raise their families, and house their many generations in one home and farm the land. New Order Amish families worship in churches and may have some more modern amenities such as telephones, and feel a connection to the outside world and to community service.

Today the Amish communities of Knox County have been true to their roots and remain as faithful farming communities while others continue on in businesses such as baked goods, carpentry and crafts. Conservative Old Order Amish near Fredericktown, Ohio, congregate in their homes for their religious gatherings with others in the area. There are also many single room school buildings around where children attend school beginning around age 6 until age 14. Amish farmers in the area still use horses to plow their fields and complete daily tasks, which may include a trip to Mount Vernon via horse and buggy.

Visitors should be aware that even on the bustling streets of Mount Vernon, Amish buggies tend to roam in town and throughout the countryside. Most Amish buggies will have a warning caution triangle on their wagon or buggy symbolizing to proceed with caution and to slow down. Various signs around Knox County will signal drivers that horse and buggy are prevalent in the area.

Local businesses such as furniture shops, bakeries, home repair, and carpentry and bulk food stores showcase the professions that the Amish communities are pursuing as farming is not the same as it used to be when the economy was better.

Amish Communities can be found around Knox County in Martinsburg, Danville, Bladensburg, Fredericktown, Amity, Nunda and more. Ohio's largest population of Amish can be found around Millersburg and in Holmes County, where Amish Country is home to crafts, food, displays of farming and more.

Amish style eateries are home to some of the finest food



in central Ohio. Restaurants like Der Dutchman, located in Richland County just outside of Bellville, and in Berlin, are home to classic home cooking and feature crafts and a home-style bakery featuring everything from homemade cinnamon rolls to warm cookies.

Troyer's Home Bakery is located at 28991 Mickley Road in Danville and is home to, as its name suggests, home baked goods. Troyer's Home Bakery is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and features homemade pies, desserts and items to satisfy your sweet tooth along with ingredients to bake your favorite things, like homemade noodles or cookies. For more information on Troyer's Home Bakery call 740-599-6703.

Country Furniture in Danville is home to local Amish craftsmanship and can be found at 16325 Millersburg Road in Danville, open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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LOCAL FOODS INITIATIVE



Located in the historic Woodward building at 107 S. Main St., Mount Vernon, TheHarvest@TheWoodward celebrates and supports local farmers. The shop, in a way, was a natural offshoot of the weekly farmers' market held on Public Square each Saturday in spring and summer. The Harvest provides the producers with a sales outlet during the week, and is open Monday through Saturday all year long.

As it takes advantage of Knox County's rich agricultural heritage — more than 90 percent of the vendors are from Knox County — the local food initiative strives every day to bring in local foods that are a healthier alternative for everyone. The products are chemical free, contain no monosodium glutamate and use all natural ingredients. The Harvest also tries to stay away from food items that come from genetically modified organisms. There is a strict rule that all products must come from natural grass-fed animals that are given no grain supplements.

The inventory at the Harvest varies according to the seasons as the producers take advantage of what fresh fruits and vegetables are currently available. In addition to seasonal produce and herbs, the Harvest has milk, goat milk, cheese, eggs and yogurt. Meats include beef, chicken, lamb, hog, veal and goat; goose and duck are also offered in season.

Baked goods include bread, granola, cookies and cakes. There are extras such as noodles, relish, jams, jellies, syrups, candy, goat milk fudge, pickles, lard, butters, dip mixes and chips, all natural and mostly locally grown and processed.

Since the inventory is always changing, it is suggested that shoppers call ahead, check Facebook or subscribe to The Harvest newsletter to stay on top of what's in stock.

The Harvest shares space with the Shoppe@TheWoodward. Like the Harvest, the Shoppe is a showcase for locally produced wares. Artisan jams and jellies, relish and mustard tempt the palate while a variety of all-natural teas and seasonings, honey, apple sauce and other sauces can add just the right touch to a meal. For one's sweet tooth, the Shoppe also offers Harry London chocolates.



If you want to pamper yourself, the Shoppe sells specialty soaps, body and face scrubs, and lip balm as well as CDs by local musicians to soothe one's soul.

A range of home decor items includes Willow figurines, gourd creations, Bearington Bear collectibles, Root and Cake Candles in a variety of delectable scents from lilac to apple pie. There are handcrafted rugs, jewelry and other handcrafted gifts.

The Shoppe also has Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival and other T-shirts, and carries things that will please Ohio State Buckeye fans including Buckeye gift bags, stickers, wall hangings, magnets and more.

To assist the dedicated tourist, the Shoppe has a myriad of guide books and pamphlets, all free for the taking.

TheHarvest@TheWoodward is open year round Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on Sunday. For more information call 740-392-6142 or email harvest9@earthlink.net.

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Apple Valley Golf Course is located in the Apple Valley development off U.S. 36 and is rated in the top 25 courses to play in Ohio.

The course was designed in 1972 by William Newcomb and John Robinson, who created a beautiful, yet challenging course. The course plays up to nearly 7,000 yards, but offers something for every level of golfer.

Apple Valley offers a driving range and a clubhouse large enough to host corporate outings. The banquet room seats up to 120 people. The course has been the home of the Ohio Public Links Championship, as well as hosting tournaments for college and high school players.

The pro shop offers everything to enhance the golf experience — from extra golf balls and tees to a wide selection of apparel and clubs.

There's also a "Stay and Play" package available where golfers can stay at the Apple Valley Resort, which is located across the parking lot from the course.

Apple Valley Golf Course is located at 433 Clubhouse Drive, Howard, OH 43028. Tee times can be made online at www.applevalleygolfcourse.com or by calling 866-277-5342.

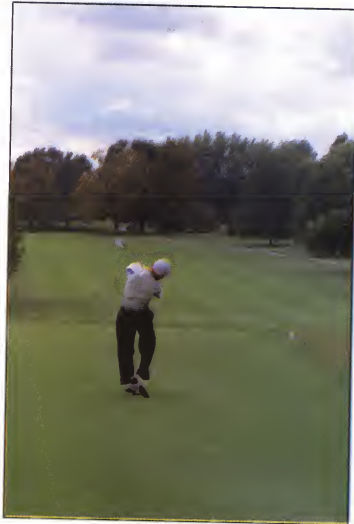
Hiawatha Golf Course is located in Mount Vernon, and continues to be the site of several state and regional golf tournaments.

The challenging and beautiful 18-hole course was designed by Jack Kidwell and has been welcoming golfers since 1962. A creek that meanders its way through nine holes around the course, along with several small lakes, create a challenging while scenic walk through the gently rolling hills.


Hiawatha measures 6,721 yards from the back tees, but offer several tees to allow golfers of all levels enjoy play. Mature trees dot the landscape and undulating greens make for a challenging, yet fun, course.

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



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Rich in agricultural history and scenic beauty, Eastern Knox County has rolling hills, deep valleys, winding roads and small town hospitality.

Visitors to the area, well-known as the gateway to Amish Country, may come upon an Amish buggy along the highway or country road, and certainly can find Amish bakeries, honey suppliers, hand-crafted home furnishings and other quality items.

From the hamlet of Greer in the northeast corner of the county, travelers can access the Mohican River or go north to explore the Wally Road Scenic Byway and Mohican Wilderness. The Greer area is a great place for hiking, camping and fishing.

Brinkhaven is the home of the Bridge of Dreams, the longest covered trail bridge in the state. It is the end point of the Mohican Valley Trail and near the Holmes County Trail. It's park makes a nice picnic spot and place to enjoy the serenity of the countryside.

Millwood lies just off U.S. 62 Scenic Byway, and is home to Spearman's Restaurant, where visitor's can stop for a home-cooked meal and friendly service. Millwood has public



access points to the Kokosing River and is near the Honey Run Highland Park and Waterfall.

Millwood is also the jumping off point to New Castle from U.S. 36. Just over the Coshocton County line, New Castle hosts the GAR Bean Dinner each August. Held in McElwee park, the event is one of only four Grand Army of the Republic bean dinners held in Ohio to commemorate Civil War veterans.

Continuing south of Millwood on Ohio 62, visitors encounter Martinsburg with its gas station, general store and pizza parlor. A drive from Martinsburg through the countryside on New Guilford Road (Ohio 541) leads one to Bladensburg. There, Davidson's Grocery has traditional staples and household items, while offering a friendly place for social interaction with friends.



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MOHICAN COUNTRY

For laughs, it's hard to beat the Griswold family's movie quest of Wally World, the mythical amusement park featured in "National Lampoon's Vacation." What the Griswolds apparently didn't know is that the fun's for real in Ohio's Mohican Country, where Wally (without the E) World is just one of many resorts, parks and recreation centers along and near historic Wally Road.

Mohican Country includes northeastern Knox County and portions of Ashland and Holmes County. It's a place where Indian lore, the pioneer spirit, scenic waterways, rugged forests and railroading history converge.

Merchants tout the area as Ohio's largest outdoor recreation complex, and their point is hard to argue. There's a busy mix of packaged commercial fun centered heavily on warm-weather months and autumn. But Mohican Country is much more than go-karts and ziplines, and Wally Road is a likely jumping-off point.

During the height of America's railroad age, the Walhonding Railroad covered a remote 45-mile route between Loudonville and Coshocton, and carried both freight and passengers. In the 1930s, the Mohawk Dam was erected in Coshocton County to control Walhonding River flooding. That brought rail service by "The Wally" to an end, but it lives on in spirit along Wally Road.

Wally Road runs between State Route 3 just south of Loudonville and State Route 514 in Greer. It's 10 miles in length and faithfully follows the long-ago rails of the Walhonding. A trip to Mohican Country is incomplete without a drive on the meandering two-lane road, and whether your visit is for an afternoon or a long weekend, boredom is not an option.

Ohio has certainly taken note of the beauty of Mohican Country, and within short drives you'll find Mohican State Park and Forest, Malabar Farm State Park, Pleasant Hill Lake and the meandering Mohawk River. In 2012, the Mohawk was added to an exclusive group of waterways that have been designated as Ohio Water Trails.

If the view from the group or on the river isn't enough, take to the sky with **Tree Frog Canopy Tours**,



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As you'd expect, there are numerous canoe livery in the neighborhood; and in the neighborhood of 2,000 campsites that cater to tent campers, lavish RVs and everything in-between. Accommodations range from bed-and-breakfasts to rustic cabins and from expected motels to unexpected treehouses not far from Wally Road at **The Mohicans**.

Popular canoe liveries along Wally Road include **River Run Campground and Canoe Livery** and **Loudonville Canoe Livery**. From rustic spots to pitch a tent to hotel accommodations, there are over 1,500 different rooms or site available throughout Mohican Country including **River Run Campground**, **Mohican Little Brown Inn**, **Arrow Point Family Campground**, **Mohican River Inn**, **Wally World Riverside Resort**, **Mohican Reservation** and **Mohican Wilderness**.

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Mohican Country events celebrate everything from the maple syrup harvest to Native American heritage, and there are hot and cold-running festivals: Fourth of July celebrations highlight every summer, while Mohican Winter Fest falls during January and the Maple Syrup Family Festival in March. In between, there are two **Great Mohican Pow-Wows** (July and September), two **Prairie Peddler Festivals** (September and October) and the Loudonville Street Fair in early October.

Bluegrass lovers will enjoy a weekend filled with nationally-known and local musicians. Guests can camp for weekend or buy daily tickets for the **Mohican Bluegrass Festival** at Mohican Wilderness.

If you're visiting Mohican Country and attractions like Malabar Farm, Mohican State Park and Pleasant Hill Lake, and the campsites, canoe liveries, motels, hiking and equestrian trails in the area, don't overlook one special attraction that will add nothing to the cost of your visit.



Take a drive on Wally Road, an Ohio Scenic Byway, named after the old Walhonding Valley Railroad. It starts at Ohio 3 just south of Loudonville and meanders southward along the Mohican River for more than 10 miles, crossing slices of Ashland, Holmes and Knox counties and ending at Ohio 514 in the village of Greer (Greersville on the county maps). It precisely follows the right-of-way of the railroad along the Mohican River. Between Greer and Coshocton, only portions of The Wally's right-of-way are still visible at various points.

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CAMPING AND FISHING

Options abound in Knox County for the nature enthusiast looking for opportunities for camping and fishing. For fine angling locations, a journey around the county's many lakes and rivers affords a variety of options.

Knox Lake in north central Knox County near Fredericktown has become a popular spot for anglers from all across Ohio. Managed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Knox Lake has become well-known for large catches of crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass and sunfish.

Just west of Fredericktown and Knox Lake along Waterford Road is the **North Branch of the Kokosing River Lake**. Fishermen can try their skills at this lake which is known for its supply of largemouth bass and sunfish, as well as set up camp at the nearby campground.

Located on the Kokosing River along U.S. 36 near Millwood is **Kokosing Valley Camp and Canoe**. This family-oriented campground features more than 200 campsites and has direct access for canoeing on the scenic Kokosing River. Family activities on the grounds include miniature golf, a nature trail, playground and a volleyball/basketball court. A camp store and picnic shelters are also on the grounds for campers' convenience.

Rustic Knolls Campground, located on Keyes Road (west of Bangs off Ohio 3/U.S. 36), provides comfortable camping spots in the country hills of Knox County. It features full hook-up

sites, water and electric sites, primitive sites and cabins. A swimming pond and fishing pond offer great family-oriented activities.

The **Mohican Wilderness** on Wally Road boasts literally hundreds of campsites and a large complex featuring a nature center, craft center, game room, amphitheater and numerous sporting activities. Hiking and bridge trails are found nearby, as well as drop locations into the Mohican River for canoeing and kayaking. Mohican Wilderness is also home to an annual Bluegrass Festival in mid-September.

Also located on Wally Road is the **Mohican Reservation** which is another mecca for canoeing and kayaking. The pet-friendly campground offers choices of primitive sites as well as full hookups for RVs. Monthly, seasonal and group rates are available. The Reservation hosts the Great Mohican Pow-Wow.

Outside of Knox County:

The **Butler Mohican KOA** on Bunkerhill Road offers amenities and activities to please even the pickiest of campers. Numerous campsites located on the grounds range from primitive to water/electric to full hookup. One- and two-room cabins are also available for those not wishing to "rough it" as much. While staying at the KOA, visitors can take advantage of the many amenities, which include a heated pool, free Wi-Fi, a game room, playground, miniature golf, pavilion and laundry facility.

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FESTIVALS

Knox County loves a celebration, and a 2014 festival schedule anchored by the venerable **Knox County Fair** is set. Centerburg, Danville and Fredericktown host familiar annual events, while Mount Vernon is home to the fair and the **Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival**.

First up is the **Danville-Howard Turkey Festival**, June 11-14, at Danville's Memorial Park. Activities cover the elements expected from a festival and then some, with a parade, music, midway rides and games, a car show, tasty treats, the Turkey Trot Run and Little Miss Turkey and Mister Turkey contests. A well-received fireworks show was added to conclude the festival in 2013.

Centerburg brings name acts to **The Heart of Ohio USA Days Festival**, June 25-28, at Memorial Park. Country rockers Confederate Railroad and 1960s pop stars The Vogues are featured. "Railroad" has scored with two platinum albums and four top-10 singles and plays Friday night. The Vogues gained fame blending pop and blue-eyed soul and have also charted top-10 hits. They appear Saturday. There's a busy four-day schedule of traditional festival fun, with fireworks to top it all off.

Established in 1849, **The Knox County Fair** is the area's oldest event and the longest at seven days (July 20-26). Livestock, Junior and Senior Fair competition, equestrian events, sales of champions and farm demonstrations are the fair's main reason for being. But full appreciation means venturing outside the barns and arenas to check out harness racing, motocross, truck pulls and top musical entertainment, to name a few activities. Midway games and rides attract young and old alike, and there's always a great selection of carnival-style food and beverages.

Area entertainment heats up August 7-10 with the renowned **Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival**. The celebration of music, fine arts and crafts packs Mount Vernon's square and spills throughout downtown. Performers include nationally known groups as well as emerging local talents. Artists and artisans compete in juried shows and offer works for sale. There are plenty of two- and four-wheeled eye candy. And of course there's the temptation of tasty food plus activities for kids of all ages.



Some people say the tomato is a fruit, others a vegetable. Fredericktown just calls it an excuse for a party, and the 2014 **Fredericktown Tomato Show** entertains residents Sept. 3-6. This street fair packs a lot into four days, and does so with a sense of humor. Witness the bathtub race, infant crawl and tomato toss. Flowers and vegetables are judged, arts and crafts are sold, musical acts hit the stage, and of course food vendors serve up festival fare.

When thoughts turn to harvest it's time for Centerburg's **Old-time Farming Festival**. A colorful assortment of vintage tractors and farm equipment takes center stage at Memorial Park for a weekend event marking summer's end. September 20-21 are the dates for 2014, and planned activities include a parade, live music, numerous lighthearted contests and activities and assorted goodies to eat.



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SCHNORMEIER GARDENS

The awe-inspiring and meticulously maintained gardens of Ted and Ann Schnormeier are open to the public at least once a year. The 2014 Schnormeier Gardens Open House will be held Thursday through Sunday, June 5 to 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Inspired by Japanese and Chinese gardens, the Schnormeier estate features nine spectacular gardens scattered over 75 landscaped acres surrounding the couple's Frank Lloyd Wright-style residence. There is the Waterfall Garden with a Chinese bridge; a Stream Garden with rare conifers and bronze statues; Serenity Garden with a Japanese garden house; Chinese Cup Garden with a Chinese pavilion; Meadow Garden with four ponds; Quarry Garden with over 1,200 tons of limestone; Hosta Garden with rocking chairs in which to relax and enjoy the shade; and a Japanese Garden and the Woodland Garden. Whimsical sculptures, some in unexpected places, and various structures add to the visual delights.

Visitors need to be aware that the gardens are not wheelchair accessible, and the uneven hilly terrain can be difficult for individuals with mobility problems. Volunteers are on hand to answer questions and there are permanent restroom facilities available.

To reach Schnormeier Gardens from Mount Vernon, go



east on Ohio 229 to Laymon Road. Turn right on Laymon and proceed for about 1 and 1/2 miles. The gardens are on the right.



HEART OF OHIO TOUR

The Heart of Ohio Tour was developed as a way to connect residents of Central Ohio with the agricultural heritage that has rooted the past, present and future of Knox County.

The tour, always the first weekend in October, (Oct. 3 and 4) is a self-guided drive through specific areas of the county with stops that will introduce guests to farms, businesses, government entities and interesting people.

The Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District, along with Ohio State University Extension office, designates a section of the county and recruits stops for the tour.

Owned by Eric and Lisa Dilts, Maple Mist Farm was a stop on the 2013 tour and provided guests the chance to see all the equipment used to produce maple syrup. Syrup, as well as maple caramel corn and maple cream were for sale. Displays showcased the equipment used to tap trees, a releaser and a reverse osmosis machine. Many local residents visited with their children and grandchildren, who were fascinated with the equipment and looking at the machinery and at the filter press.

Ken and Marilyn Ruprecht's Dairy Farm houses a free stall barn where the dairy cows are kept, an area with individual calf raising hutches, a TMR feed mixer, a 4,000 gallon stainless steel bulk milk tank and a milking parlor. The milk



produced by the 130 dairy cows produces roughly 1,200 gallons of milk per day and is sold to United Dairy in Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

The route for the 2014 Heart of Ohio Tour will be announced in the *Mount Vernon News* in late September.

PACEMAKERS



Rich in history and growing in popularity every year, Pacemakers Dragway Park features some of the best drag racing the Midwest has to offer.

Pacemakers is a 1/8-mile dragstrip located off Ohio 3 just three miles from downtown Mount Vernon. It's considered one of Ohio's premier racing facilities. Pacemakers provides a full racing season from April through October, with points races counting toward National Hot Rod Association regional championships.

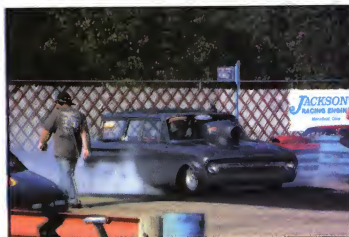
The track was built in the 1950s by local racing enthusiasts looking for a safe place to drag race. By 1956, the first official races were run. The track is currently operated by Mike Fouts, who coordinates dozens of events featuring hundreds of dragsters of all ages.

During the season, Pacemakers operates races on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Junior dragsters race on Saturday mornings, with time trials and feature races in the afternoon. Many events qualify for NHRA regional points standings.

The Baker Memorial has become the biggest attraction of the year at Pacemakers. The annual event, held to honor the parents of competition director David Baker, is run in mid-July and features racing in multiple categories with large cash prizes.

Pacemakers also sponsors the Sharx Quick 32 series and the Bill Jackson's Racing Engines SST series. Both run from May through September and give local racers a chance to earn regional points as well as a chance to compete against some of the best from around the Midwest. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of each series.

Other special events include the National Dragster Challenge, held in late July. The big event is regarded as a pinnacle of the racing season at Pacemakers, with champions from all classes declared. The NHRA King of the Track, held in mid-August, combines all the major class award winners into one winner-take-all championship race. The odd mix of classes features a rare clash between champions and typically brings out a large crowd to watch the festivities. The NHRA Central Division Summit Racing Series championships, held in September, involves winners from through-



out the season to compete against each other.

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HISTORIC DISTRICTS

The preservation of history is alive and well in Mount Vernon with the official establishment of historic districts. This practice allows residents and visitors to appreciate the aspects of local history throughout progression in the various stages of modern development.

Established in February 2012 is the Downtown Mount Vernon Historic District. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, more than 70 individual locations are included in this district registry.

The downtown historic district is one of four such designated districts in Mount Vernon. The others are East Gambier District, East High District and the North Main/North Gay District.

The Downtown Mount Vernon Historic District stretches across an area from Public Square south to the viaduct, including the former Station Break depot and the Dan Emmett House. It also stretches to locations as far west as South Mechanic Street and east to South Gay Street. Historic buildings make up the bulk of the

locations in the district. Other sites include bridges, monuments and historical land markers.

Some of the notable sites found in the downtown historic district are the Mount Vernon City Hall, G.A. Jones Building, Eagles Lodge, Kremlin/Cooper Building, the Woodward block and the former Buckeye Candy Company.

Efforts are ongoing through local organizations, including The Heritage Centre Association and the Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau, to preserve the historical integrity of this and other local historic districts. Property owners who receive federal tax credits to make changes or improvements to facilities in this district must obtain authorized approval before doing so in order that they retain their historic integrity.

In addition to the downtown historic district, there are also designated districts on East Gambier Street, North Main Street, East High Street, Kenyon College, Gambier and Fredericktown.

For more information and a complete listing of locations included in the Downtown Mount Vernon Historic District, go to www.historicknoxohio.org and click on Historic Districts. A description plus a historical account of each location is included on this website.



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COUNTY FAIR



If you enjoy county fairs, set aside the last full week of July to celebrate Knox County's agricultural heritage at the Knox County Fair.

The fair has been showcasing local agriculture since 1849 and has been at its location on Fairgrounds Road, just west of Wooster Road, since 1928.

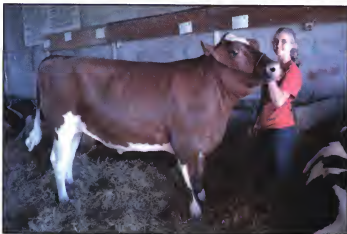
Junior and senior fair activities fill the week as farmers showcase their products and livestock, and 4-H and FFA members from ages 8 to 18 show off the results of their livestock projects in hopes of winding up in the "Sale of Champions" and earning good checks for their future education.

The junior fair youth not only show off their livestock, but have projects involving crops, woodworking, photography, cooking, sewing and other activities judged as well.

The senior fair also offers judging contests, with entrants competing in areas like photography, horticulture, sewing, canning and other home fare.

And don't forget the food. The aroma of sausage, elephant ears, funnel cakes, "porkette" sandwiches, pizza, cotton candy and all the other goodies guaranteed to keep you off your diet for a week.

Businesses show off their wares in the Merchants



Building. The Agriculture Museum is always open during the fair.

And if amusement rides and games are your cup of tea, head for the midway and a great time.

A fair can be a great place to spend a day, an afternoon or an evening.

Another regular, and popular, feature is the harness racing. And if the horses aren't trotting, there will be other entertainment in the grandstand: Truck and tractor pulls, horse pulls, a "rough truck" contest and at least one nationally-known singer.



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AGRICULTURE MUSEUM

A visit to the Knox County Agricultural Museum, located on the Knox County Fairgrounds just west of the intersection of Wooster and Fairgrounds Roads, is a look into the past. The Museum contains thousands of items dating from the early settlement of the county into the 1960s.

If you've visited the Museum before, you may find it even more interesting today as some exhibits have been rearranged to be exhibited with related items.

Check out the early laundry machines, butter churns, treadle sewing machines, hand-operated pump vacuums and realize that these were the latest in labor-saving devices.

There are cider presses, sheep-shearing stations, horse-drawn farm equipment, a Conestoga wagon, antique tractors and a horse-drawn hearse.

Need some power to pump water or drive other small devices? Hook up the wooden treadmill powered by a dog or goat.

Horse-drawn sleighs, wooden sleds and bobsleds hang overhead. One room features eight working looms, plus other household items such as old cooking stoves, pots and pans and broom-making equipment.

You can find hollowed logs, which early residents used as cisterns or for other storage, and next to them examples of the barrel-maker's art.

The Museum isn't just rooms full of old artifacts. Outside, there are additional buildings, such as the last surviving building from Lake Hiawatha Park, which occupied the fairgrounds property from 1895 to 1915 and was a popular resort.

There's also a school house, a smokehouse, log cabin, a spring house and even a three-hole outhouse.



The Museum is open during the Knox County Fair in late July and by appointment at other times. It is also the first stop on the Heart of Ohio the first weekend in October. For more information, call 740-392-6102 or 800-837-5282; write to Knox County Agricultural Association at P.O. Box 171, Mount Vernon, OH 43050; or go to theagmuseum.org.

APPLE VALLEY

Heading east out of Mount Vernon on U.S. 36 there is a beautiful, scenic "planned unit development" called Apple Valley. In the early 1970s the development was constructed by the American Central Corporation in Michigan, which covers 3,770 acres of land in both Howard and Brown Townships. Ever since the man-made lake has attracted visitors and residents of other places to visit, admire and to settle down in the peaceful and serene community. The Lake was formed by the Little Jelloway Creek and other "active springs" and drainage from surrounding areas. The Lake reaches 3.25 miles long, with 9.25 miles of shore line and encompasses 511 acres with an average depth of 30 feet and maximum depth of 70 feet.

Property owners have several amenities for activities in the area, committees to be a part of and numerous opportu-

nities for recreation on the Lake. There are three beaches around Apple Valley which provide an area for swimming, children's play and more. Bennet Park and pond area is more of a natural space, the Camper's Village provides a space for property owners to camp in their RV or tent space complete with an area to do laundry. Floral Valley houses an indoor pool and conference center local residents are able to reserve for wedding receptions, family reunions and more. The event space has a kitchen and a lounge area with game tables and a gas powered stove as well. Apple Valley is also home to indoor and outdoor pools and the Apple Valley Club House has an indoor fitness center.

While the beaches, pools and common areas in Apple Valley are reserved for property owners, the Apple Valley Golf Course is open to the public.

SCENIC BYWAYS



Destinations of various sorts can be reached by traveling on the many highways of Knox County. But sometimes it can be the journey and not the destination which is more enjoyable. Such is the case on two stretches of highway in eastern Knox County which have been designated an Ohio Scenic Byway.

Traveling north of Danville on Ohio 514 is an opportunity to take in some breathtaking views with open farmland and beautiful countryside. One might see the Amish way of everyday life as the women may be hanging clothes out to dry on the clothesline, or the men may be working in the fields binding up the corn shocks.

Designated as "The Gateway to Amish Country" is U.S. 62 which begins north of Martinsburg and takes travelers through Danville and on into Holmes County. Numerous attractions dot the roadway including Amish bakeries, furniture stores, and fruit and vegetable stands.

"Much like our bike trails, these are a scenic and cultural trail for motorists," said Knox County Park District Director Kim Marshall. "You can really get a sense of the cultural fabric of eastern Knox County. You are on the edge of Appalachia, and at the same time you are likely to see Amish culture along the way."

Opportunities for recreation along the byway include access to the Kokosing Gap Trail which connects to the Mohican Valley Trail plus Honey Run Highland Park which features a unique waterfall and geologic formations.



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HOMEMADE ARTS & CRAFTS

The beauty of Knox County brings out the best in artists of all kinds. Many community events center around the arts and crafts produced by local artisans where they can share their talents with both residents and visitors alike.

The Knox County Fair, held during the last week in July, features categories for all kinds of crafts to be shared and artists can compete for the best craft in everything from photography to painting. The Knox County Art League is a nonprofit organization that strives to share and enrich the arts within the community, and offers workshops and educational opportunities for all artists. There are other many community festivals around Knox County that provide an outlet for local artisans to share their goods and talent with others in the community and abroad.

The Knox County Quilt Show is held every year during The Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival in early August. This annual event give local quilters the opportunity to share their beautiful antique quilts, wall hangings and more.

Galleries all around Knox County are open to view everything from local art to college and university art. The Schnormeier Gallery at 221 S. Main Street in Mount Vernon is a part of Mount Vernon Nazarene University and for the 2014 gallery schedule visit www.mvnu.edu/art-design/art-gallery/schnormeier.asp. The Gund Gallery, located at



Middle Path at Kenyon College, 101 1/2 College Drive, Gambier, is open to students and community members alike. For more information visit www.thegundgallery.org.

The Paw Patch Quilt Shop is a stop along the annual Amish Quilt Shop Hop. Various locations throughout the area are selected to serve as stops along the hop opening the door to new ideas in the quilting world. Quilters from all over the world have participated in the event. To learn more about the 2014 stops, visit www.amishquiltshophop.com.



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FREDERICKTOWN



Fredericktown is home to Taste of Country Deli, a 17-foot tall sidewalk clock built in 1886, and home to one of the larger Amish communities in Ohio.

The Taste of Country Deli, Restaurant, Bakery and Bulk Foods store is a favorite gathering place that is becoming more and more of a destination for visitors to the community. Taste of Country makes delicious soups, sandwiches and salads; breakfast sandwiches; plus a hot food buffet daily in their beautiful dining room. And save room for dessert. Taste of Country has a great selection of homemade pies, cakes, and cookies.

Their bulk foods section has all those hard to find baking supplies and old-fashioned candy, as well as a selection of gift items. The deli is open six days a week and closed Sundays.

On the beautiful village square are two points of great pride to the people of this community of 2,800.

The first is a bandstand built in a day, entirely by community volunteers in 1886. On the opposite corner is a sidewalk clock that, for many years, stood along a street in Cleveland, but was brought "home" to the community where its creator, Webb C. Ball, was born. Ball later established a watch inspection system and set the standards for railroad watches which became the official Railroad Standard Watch. The railroad thereafter ran on "Ball time," or "On the Ball."

A short drive from the square is the beautiful public library, which was, once again, built entirely by volunteers in 1990. It's from a history of community projects like these that Fredericktown adopted as its motto, "It Can Be Done in a Small Town."

Fredericktown is home to one of the larger Amish communities in Ohio. Beginning in Middlebury Township, just northwest of the village, the settlement extends into Morrow and Richland counties. This settlement is a conservative Old Order Amish community. They meet in their homes for church services in church districts composed of nearby neighbors.

Bring your camera, but please respect their belief in not having their faces photographed. There are plenty of great photo opportunities of their well-kept homesteads where they farm with horse-drawn equipment and travel in horse-drawn black carriages with large wheels. (Please be watchful for these slow-moving vehicles as you drive our country roads.)

The Owl Creek Produce Auction was established in 2005 to create a way for fresh, local produce to move into the Central Ohio food channels. The auction attracts buyers from Columbus to Cleveland, and provides produce for three auctions per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) during the peak growing season beginning in June; two days per week beginning in Mid-October; and one day a week throughout the winter months to sell hay, straw, eggs and other baked and preserved products. Visit the auction site at <http://theplacetobeknoxcountry.word->



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Local 4-H clubs are a big part of the small town life, as many local community members come together to celebrate their passions and interests. The Fredericktown Saddle Club has recently restored an arena, located on Waterford Road, in 2013 to make way for fun shows, as participants of all ages can take part in the horse shows with events like open halter to western horsemanship classes. More information can be found at www.fredericktownsaddleclub.weebly.com.

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WOODWARD OPERA HOUSE



The Woodward Opera House building was constructed in 1850-1851 at what is now 101-105 S. Main St. in downtown Mount Vernon. The Woodward is the oldest authentic 19th century theater in the United States.

The opening of the first east-west railroad in 1875 prompted Dr. Ebenezer Woodward to expand his fourth floor meeting hall into the third and fourth floor Woodward Opera House that re-opened in 1884 and functioned as the community's main theater into the 20th century. While the theater eventually fell into disuse as radio and movies displaced vaudeville and live performance, the first floor has remained commercially viable in the heart of downtown Mount Vernon.

Over the years many in the community have tried to take on the restoration of the Woodward Opera House. Those efforts culminated in 1998 when the Woodward Development Corporation (WDC) was formed and purchased the Woodward building. At that time the objectives were to faithfully restore the theater to its 19th century appearance and to equip it as a working theater. In the following sixteen years the project has evolved into a much larger enterprise. Today those initial goals remain: to produce a faithful restoration of the 1884 Woodward Opera House as a 500 seat, state-of-the-art, multipurpose performing arts space. But additionally, WDC has added to those goals, namely that the theater is to be housed in a 65,000 square foot building complex that is approximately half theater and theater support, and half commercial, and that includes two state-of-the-art "black box" multipurpose performing arts spaces. Importantly, the expected surplus of commercial income over operating expenses will be returned to WDC to be used to maintain the entire complex into the future and to promote local arts and culture. So the vision is a profit making enterprise where the profits support the community arts and culture. While legally the Woodward is owned by the WDC, that corporation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) with no stockholders. In



reality The Woodward belongs to the community.

Two initiatives will enhance the profitability of the entire project. Space in the newly restored second floor will be offered for rent on a co-working (non-lease) basis. Under co-working the same space may be used by different parties with office amenities provided by the landlord. The Woodward Local Food Initiative, housed in the restored and new annex, will include a local food market, a café featuring local foods, and a complete code compliant food processing kitchen for local food producers to use.

In 2014, receipt of Federal and State Historic Restoration Tax Credit and New Market Tax credit funds is expected and with that construction will commence. The aim then is to completely fund the project with a modest local capital campaign plus grants from several national foundations. Pat and Sandy Crow manage the Woodward project.

The Woodward Opera House is open for tours 6 to 8 p.m. during First Friday events from May through October; Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., when seasonal Farmers Markets are held on the square; and during the Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival, Aug. 7 to 10.

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The village of Bellville, on Ohio 13, leads to the rolling hills of Mohican State Park and Amish Country. The Richland B&O bike trail goes through the village, and there are two golf courses within corporation limits.

Bellville's landmark bandstand was built in 1879 and well-kept Victorian brick storefronts and charming vintage homes add to the village's historical charm. The many antique shops are all within walking distance of each other, joining gifts and textile shops, barber and beauty shops, a drug store, a hardware store, a grocery store, a furniture store and six places to eat. For more information, visit www.visitbellvilleohio.com.

Further north on Ohio 13 is the city of Mansfield. Attractions include the Ohio State Reformatory, filming site of the blockbuster movie, "The Shawshank Redemption," two nearby ski areas, the BibleWalk Museum, and the Mansfield Fire Museum and Educational Center.

Downtown Mansfield features the Little Buckeye's Children's Museum, the Renaissance Theater and the fami-



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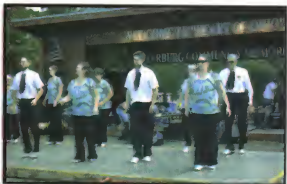
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